

## Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Internship Program

**UPDATE:** If you applied to this internship on or before Friday, May 17, please resubmit your application. There were technical difficulties with the announcement that have been corrected. Note that the deadline has been extended to June 7, 2013.

### **Field Screening Technology Evaluation Intern**

EPA Region 7's Emergency Response & Removal North Branch, located in Lenexa, KS, is seeking a volunteer intern who is motivated, hard-working, and interested in helping the EPA protect human health and the environment.

The intern will work to determine the usefulness and effectiveness of newly distributed field screening technologies. Under supervision, the intern would apply pre-determined testing techniques to identify cross-sensitivities, develop new applications of the technologies, find out where they work best, and develop more comprehensive procedures for the application of these technologies in the field.

#### **Requirements:**

Applicants must be:

- Age 16 or older **and at least one of the following:**
  - Enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college, community college, or university (two-or-four year institution) during the time of the internship. **Note:** students must be enrolled for the next semester if volunteering over the summer or winter breaks, **or**
  - A military service member that enrolled in the Department of Defense's Operation Warfighter Program, **or**
  - A veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is enrolled in the Department of Veteran Affairs' Non-paid Work Experience Program.

#### **Time commitment:**

Approximately 20 hours per week. The internship will last up to 90 days but may be extended.

#### **Desired Qualifications and Skills:**

##### **Critical Skills**

- At least one year of college-level Chemistry
- At least one semester in environmental science/studies

#### **What will be learned:**

The intern will learn the criteria used to determine if an unknown material is a characteristic hazardous waste. Additionally, they will learn how to apply field screening technologies to determine if substances are hazardous. Finally, they will learn how these technologies can be best applied in the field to minimize cost to evaluate the necessity for further removal activities.

#### **Compensation:**

This volunteer internship is unpaid; however, we will provide you with an office phone and computer. Volunteer interns may be eligible for subsidy reimbursement for the use of public transportation.

**Benefits of EPA Internships:**

- You will have an opportunity to work with scientific, environmental, and government experts responsible for protecting human health and the environment.
- You will learn about how the federal government operates and have a chance to see and participate first-hand in important and meaningful work products.
- You will participate in an EPA orientation session, have the opportunity to attend training sessions known as brown-bags, and receive an EPA mentor/coach.

**How to Apply:**

To apply to this volunteer internship opportunity, e-mail the following information to [R7internships@epa.gov](mailto:R7internships@epa.gov):

Students

Cover letter (including dates, hours, and duration available)

Resume

Transcript

Letter from School (verifying that opportunity will further the intern's education goals)

Military Service Members and Veterans

Proof of enrollment in the DOD's Operation Warfighter Program, **or**

Proof of enrollment in the VA's Non-paid Work Experience Program

If you need a reasonable accommodation due to a disability in order to apply for this position, please contact [R7internships@epa.gov](mailto:R7internships@epa.gov) .

This volunteer opportunity will be open until June 7, 2013, but may close sooner depending on the quantity of applications received. Applicants selected for the position or for an interview will be notified.